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### PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a four-count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Quinton Wallace with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana within 1000 of a school, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. The indictment alleges that on January 11, 2008, Wallace, having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by one year or more in prison, possessed marijuana and a loaded Smith & Wesson, Model 745, .45 caliber handgun within 1000 feet of a school.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Quinton Wallace	Philadelphia, PA	20 years old

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. If convicted, Wallace faces a maximum penalty of lifetime imprisonment, including a six-year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, eight years to lifetime supervised release, a \$2,000,000 fine, and a \$400 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT), comprised of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Philadelphia Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph J. Khan.

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<sup>1</sup> An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.